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As I've been reading through the proposed Microsoft settlement, I have yet to see (what I feel) is one of the most troubling issues. I refer to the fact that many web sites use Microsoft specific technology that allow only Windows users to access features on their sites.

On Yahoo, there are various stories that are available on Yahoos ON24 service. If you're an Apple (or Linux) user, you're told that only the windows operating system is supported.

The other day I was at an auto shopping site and clicked a button to price a car. Once again I received a message saying "Your operating system is not supported by this site"

If this type of behavior represented isolated instances, it wouldn't bother me, but it is becoming more prevalent on the internet. As an Apple user, I find this very annoying as well as highly discriminatory.

Basically I'm being told to get rid of my Apple and buy a PC if I want access.

The whole concept of the internet is freedom. Microsoft has taken that from many of us

I think any settlement should address these issues, by forcing companies (Microsoft specifically) to produce software that allows all internet users (regardless of operating system) to be granted the same access to all websites. I further believe that large corporations such as Yahoo, AOL and others be prevented from offering Windows only services. Only when specific services are available to all, should they be allowed to offer them.

I feel this will go a long way to putting a dent in Microsoft's monopolistic behavior

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

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